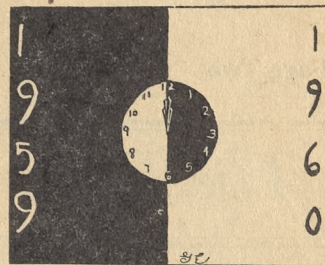




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Two Seniors Take Westinghouse Exam

By Janet Ray

Two science students of Fort Hamilton, Arnold Andersen and Carol Anne Rabe, recently took the test given by the Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

This test is given annually in an attempt to discover promising students in all fields of science, and to give them recognition through scholarship aid. In order to become eligible for these awards, besides taking the test, the contestants are required to conduct an original research project and to submit a report giving the details of their experiment.

There are approximately 50 of these scholarships, which vary in monetary awards. Also, the names of those receiving honorable mention are circulated throughout colleges and universities so that these institutions will recognize the outstanding achievement of the students. Last year two Fort Hamiltonites distinguished themselves by receiving honorable mention.

Take Two-and-a-half-hour Test

The two-and-a-half-hour test consisted of three parts, the first of which contained questions to determine the student's knowledge of current discoveries and advancements in scientific fields. Part two was a test of reading comprehension, and part three consisted of questions relating to technical scientific material. The required report had to be at least 1000 words, supplying information as to the materials and methods used in the experiment along with the progress made, results obtained, and plans for future work.

Experiments by our participants have been conducted under the guidance of Miss Evelyn Morholt, Chairman of the Biology Department. Arnold has worked for five weeks on a project concerning the adaption of blepharisma and paramecium to salt water and testing their reactions to

salt. Carol Anne has experimented with cannibalism in blepharisma. Other preparation for the test consisted of reading a biology, a physics, and a chemistry textbook. Results



Carol Anne Rabe and Arnold Andersen

of the search are not expected for a couple of months but we all hope our entries fared well.

'Anchor' Staff Works Busily

The staff of the *Anchor*, under the supervision of Miss Helen P. Gerlach, is busily working to complete this year's edition. It will be distributed at the end of April. The cost will be 50 cents per copy.

The contents of the literary magazine will include short stories, essays and poetry, as well as numerous illustrations.

Students Busy In Program Office

Thirty-two students are active participants of the Program Office Squad which meets daily in Room 268.

The students work under the supervision of Mr. Morton Stone, Miss Ruth Haigney, and Mr. Alfred Joltin.

Busy Senior Happily Editoring 'Anchor'

By Sylvia Sorenson

A girl with a smile and a cheery countenance for all she meets is none other than Phyllis Johnson, this year's editor-in-chief of the *Anchor*, the school literary magazine.

Besides being a member of Arista, the *Pilot*, the girls chorus, and the Minutemen, Trinity, and Psychology Clubs, Phyllis finds the time to act as editor of the *Anchor*. Concerning the *Anchor*, Phyllis reported that, "The staffs (literary, art, typing) and the faculty adviser, Miss Helen P. Gerlach, are putting whole-



hearted enthusiasm into their work. We all wish to publish an excellent

Has Seen Twenty-eight States

Phyllis has traveled in twenty-eight states, Canada, and Mexico. "My fondest dream is to see more of the United States because I feel that each corner has its own unique flavor, and the country as a whole is unbelievably beautiful. I would also like to tour the world—not merely as a sight-seer, but as a discerning human being with the universal hopes, fears, and need of God."

For pleasure, Phyllis reads avidly, especially those books pertaining to home decoration, foreign cookery, handicrafts and customs. She has her own collection of foreign dolls. Among her special interests are dancing and all sports, "... even though I don't participate in them!"

Music Enthusiast

When Phyllis does not feel like

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Two Attend Forum At Astor Hotel

On Saturday, December 5, five Fort Hamilton students attended the Annual "Mirror Forum" at the Hotel Astor.

Marilyn Ryan, Seth Charney, Steven Shaner, Dennis Briody, and Dimi Stevenson took part in an informative session which discussed topics such as "Improving Our Economic Stand" and "Improving Our Relationship with Foreign Countries."

Students from distant lands were brought to this country by the *New York Mirror* in order to present their opinions of America. One young boy from the Philippines voiced excellent criticisms of the United States.

After being served a delicious four course turkey dinner, the students went into a central auditorium, where the chairmen of the various committees spoke about the accomplishments of the morning's discussions. John J. Theobald, Superintendent of Schools, was present at the Forum.

This annual get-together is open to high schools as well as other private organizations. It serves an excellent purpose by alerting teenagers of the world to some of the immediate problems facing society.

Math Classes Drop TV Lessons

The experimental television classes in geometry were recently disbanded because they were not satisfactorily teaching the students.

The majority of the students approved of the change. They criticized many things, from the television teacher to the reception.

According to the class, each lesson tried to cover too much material. Students also complained that the camera was not focused properly on the program, that sufficient time was not allowed for the copying of diagrams, and that the television screen was difficult to see. Many students missed the personal contact existing between teacher and student in the same classroom.

3 Attend G.O. City Council

Seniors Ninette Obadia, Florence Beller, and Randi Joberg represent Fort Hamilton at the G.O. City Council which meets monthly at Washington Irving H.S.

At the council meetings, representatives from New York City schools discuss methods that have been proved successful in increasing G.O. membership and school spirit. Their latest project is the arranging of visits among G.O. representatives throughout New York State.

Chess Club Competes

Fort Hamilton's year old chess club meets every Tuesday afternoon in Room 363, under the direction of Mr. Arnold Krinsky.

The club, reorganized this year as a team, competes with a different school on alternate Friday afternoons. Martin De Lorenzo is captain.

PTA Plans Program For Spring Term

By Pam Gersten

The Parent Teacher Association meets monthly in the school auditorium. The purpose, as cited from its constitution, is "... to promote the welfare of students and to encourage a closer relationship between the parents and the school."

Many interesting activities have been planned for the remainder of the 1959-1960 school year. A guest speaker will address the association in February; in March, Mr. Herbert Lessell, Chairman of the Music Department,

Teachers in 'Who's Who'

Fort Hamilton High School has been honored by the inclusion of two of its teachers in the 1959-60 edition of *Who's Who in American Education*.

Who's Who is an illustrated biographical directory of eminent living educators of the United States and Canada. The teachers are Dr. Emory Cochran and Mr. Benjamin Greenberg.

Dr. Cochran is the author of *A Practical German Review Grammar* and has contributed to *The Modern Language Journal* and *The Spoken Word*. He is also listed in *Biographical Directory of American Scholars*.

Mr. Greenberg's name is seen in mathematics and scientific journals. An article, "Transforming the Law of Cosines into Forms Suitable for Logarithmic Computation," was published in *The Mathematics Teacher*, May, 1955. His recent article, "Geometric Proofs of Half Angle Formulas," appeared in the December issue of *School Science and Mathematics*.

Alumni Dance Great Success

The first annual reunion dance held by the Fort Hamilton Alumni Association took place on Friday, December 18. The dance was held at the Imperial Ballroom in Brooklyn.

The 400 alumni present were seated, ten to a table, according to classes. The classes with the largest attendance were those of 1947, 1953 and 1955. All faculty members were invited as guests of the alumni.

Yearbook Editor Plans Art Career

By Joan Donnen

Talented, popular and vivacious—this is senior Cynthia Winika, the editor-in-chief of this year's *Tower*. As editor of the yearbook, Cynthia has many duties which include coordinating the three separate *Tower* staffs—literary, art, and business.

Member of Many Activities

Cynthia has enjoyed being a member of the Modern Dance Club and the Red Cross Club. She is also a member of the Basketball Club and a participant in the Senior Show.

This versatile senior is actively interested in many sports. Among her favorites are ice skating, swimming, basketball, and



ment, will direct a musicale; the bridge party will be held in April; and in May, elections will be held followed by entertainment by the Music Department.

At preceding meetings, parents have learned of the many extra-curricular activities available to their children, and have been informed of the different school rules and regulations.

Large Attendance Secured

By planning a variety of programs concerning the school life of the students, the P. T. A. has succeeded in securing a substantial parent attendance at each meeting.

The present acting officers of the P. T. A. are: Mr. Salvatore Salamone, President; Mrs. Germano Mendizza, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Edwin Thompson, Treasurer; Mrs. Caesar Pucci, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Daniel Haas, Publicity Chairman; Mr. Andrew Volpe, Program Chairman; Mrs. Harold Wilson, Hospitality Chairman; Mrs. Fred R. Ficken, Membership Chairman; Mrs. Adrienne Ray, Health and Safety Chairman; Mr. Henry Stein, Auditor. Miss Margaret Monsen, a member of the Health Education Department, is Vice-President and faculty representative. It is her duty to attend executive meetings and to help arrange programs.

News Squad Serving School

The Newspaper Squad, under the direction of Mrs. Ella K. Rodeman, unpacks, sorts, and delivers the *New York Times* and *New York Herald Tribune* to prefect classes each morning.

Mrs. Rodeman said that this year the boys are very cooperative.

volleyball. She also takes great pleasure in horseback riding.

Enjoys Reading

Besides athletics, Cynthia's interests include reading, sewing and music appreciation. When it comes to books, she finds novels, mysteries and short stories the most interesting. Cynthia especially enjoys such books by John Steinbeck as *Grapes of Wrath*, *In Dubious Battle*, and *Of Mice and Men*, and short stories by Edgar Allen Poe. Her musical interests include all kinds of music, plus rock and roll, folk music, progressive jazz, and Gershwin's show tunes.

Hopes to Teach Art

Cynthia's major interest is art, and she hopes to make this field her future career. In connection with this, Cynthia hopes to attend either Hunter College or Cooper Union and become an art teacher. In preparation for

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The Editors Say...

The 60's Challenge

Twenty-one days ago, in an unpretentious and ordinary manner, 1959 slipped away and an entirely new decade began.

No doubt some are sad. Many will long remember the past ten years as the "fabulous" fifties. Others will, in later years, associate the 1950's with the rise of the beat generation. Those who are in high school at this moment will surely remember the fifties as a time when they were growing up amid peace and plenty.

Well the next decade prove, in all ways, to be as prosperous as the last? Will it be better? Will it be worse? These are questions that we, the high school students of today, will largely answer. In a few years we will all be out of high school. Some will continue their education during the 1960's, but many are looking forward to full-time jobs. It is this latter group that, as members of various communities, will have the opportunity to make the coming years the best years ever.

The coming decade presents a great challenge. Will we, the high school students of today, help meet that challenge?

The Last Stretch

The last stretch of the 1959-1960 school year is already upon us, and with it is a new opportunity to improve ourselves and our school life.

This is the appropriate time of year to take inventory of what we have already achieved in the previous months at school, and to set new and higher goals for the succeeding months.

There are no obstacles in our paths to prevent us from receiving better grades and higher esteem in the eyes of our parents, teachers and friends. We have only to take advantage of the many opportunities waiting to be seized academically and in extra-curricular activities.

In June we would like to look back over the school year, proud of our many accomplishments. But we can only succeed if we work to capacity and strive for betterment and fulfillment.

Even He Said...

When a king asked Euclid, the mathematician, whether he could not explain his art to him in a more compendious manner, he was told that there was no royal way to geometry.

Overboard

By Glenn Collins

(Editorial Note: Sorry to say, this issue we have been forced to place an advertisement in this space, to help pay for rising publishing costs.)

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Versatile Senior In All City Chorus

By Stephen Kaufman

Trumpet player, vocalist, musical coordinator, and president of the senior class—this is Jeff Samaha, a fine leader and musician.

As president and chairman of the Senior Council, Jeff is an outstanding figure in the Fort Hamilton student body. "The council," he said, "represents the entire senior class. It decides upon all matters concerned with senior activities."

Jeff's school functions do not end here. He is a trumpet player in three bands and a member of the mixed chorus. Jeff has also been honored by his election to the All New York City Chorus.

With one hand on his cornet and a pencil in the other, Jeff is Musical

Director of the

Bay Ridge chapter of A L S A C,

an organization which collects

funds for leukemia research.

"My greatest ambition," said Jeff,

"is to see this program carried

out and a cure found for this

dreaded disease." At present, money

is being sought on a nationwide scale to construct a hospital in Memphis for the treatment of leukemia.

Jazz Enthusiast

Jeffrey's greatest interest lies in music. He loves show music and jazz; among his favorite musicals are "Porgy and Bess" and "West Side Story." He is a fine dancer and greatly enjoys dancing.

One might think that Jeff would use his spare time in recuperating from all his activities. Instead, he is an avid reader of fiction and biology books. A fine swimmer, Jeff spends his summer vacations boating and water skiing.

Plans Biology Major

With an eye to the future, Jeff plans to major in biology. He has applied to St. Johns University, New

York University, and Long Island University. Whatever the college, our loss will surely be their gain.

Round About

By Kenneth Ward

Question: Would you like to take the first trip to the moon?

Ann White, 4C15:

Not the first, but maybe the second.

Ronald Reinhardt, 4C15:

No, I'm no hero.

Morine Thompson, 4C15:

I can just picture me going up!

Dolores Caldara, 3A17:

I'd go down in history, but I don't think I'd come back.

Jocelyn Jansen, 4A9:

Only if there were someone else (preferably male) to break the monotony.

Russell Stone, 4A1:

No, until they confirm the female population.

Nancy Fenniman, 2A1:

No, not particularly.

Mary Ann Chulengarian, 4C21:

No, I'd like to live a little.

Roger Nichols, 4A3:

I don't care what you write so long as my name gets in print.

Doris Connors, 4A9:

Why not! Anything for science!

Phyllis Quartararo, 4A9:

Yes, I'd like to meet my relatives.

Ft. Lafayette Tunnel Legend Revived

By Seth Charney

With the Narrows Bridge in the offing, one thinks again of the legend of the tunnel that once connected Fort Hamilton with Fort Lafayette, that mysterious little island nearby.

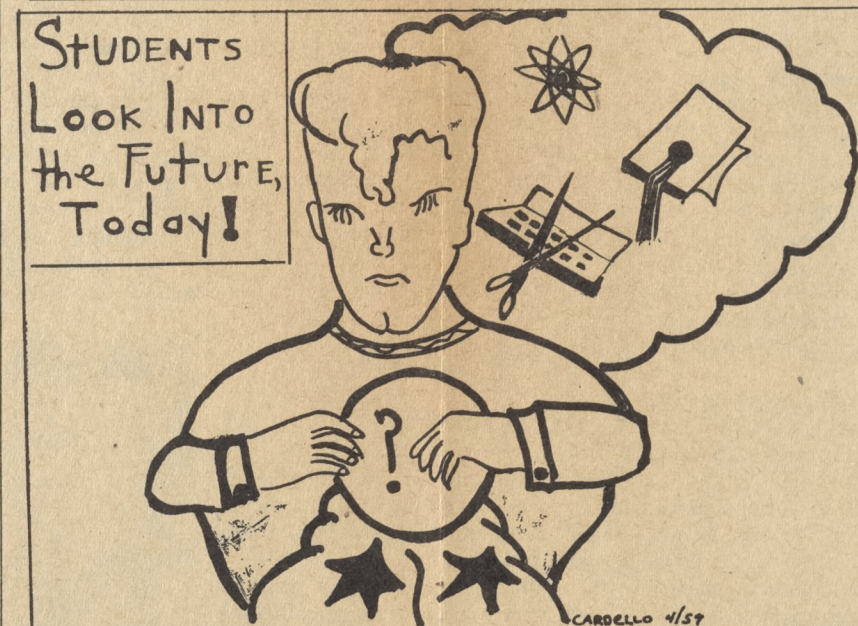
Your reporter visited the Grand Army Plaza library to search among the musty old copies of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, a daily newspaper now defunct, though scheduled for revival early next year. There was scarcely anything about Fort Lafayette. Then he got a break. He discovered two yellowed books, for reference only.

The first, entitled *Fort LaFayette Life*, was published in 1868, and the last time it had been "called for" was in 1877. It is a diary written by a

confederate soldier who had been detained in the fort when it was used as a prison during the Civil War. The other book was about another Confederate soldier who had been captured and had spent his imprisonment in the fort.

The fort was built on a one acre reef. There was little opportunity for the prisoners to exercise, but they were treated well. There were two prisoners to a cell and ample food.

Today the fort is used to store ammunition made for the Navy in Baldwin, L. I. However, the ammunition is stored in rooms cut into the reef beneath the water surface. No publication mentions a tunnel.



You're In, Ubr Out

By William Uhr

In this modern age, everyone is becoming a lawyer, a doctor, or a dentist. And why not? These people make a lot of money. Everyone, from the poorest hobo to the richest millionaire, wants to make money. But there is one group of self-sacrificing individuals who do not want to make money. They would not be true writers if they did.

A writer is a person who says nothing in as much space as possible. Under this category there are several types. The first and least important writer is the paper-back detective story writer. This job may seem important to the creator, but to anyone else it is not. His creativeness runs as far as "... in slinked the blonde. From the moment I saw her, I knew she was the dope-peddler." What do all these writers have against blondes? The hero of these detective stories is usually a little guy who has the divine right to throw people out of a twentieth floor window and not get investigated. Perhaps he belongs to a union.

A second type of imagery creator is the war novel writer. His ideas run in the same vein as that of the detective story writer. Sometimes it is the same guy, trying to make a little extra money. However, his hero is a muscle-bound stiff with no more brains than a chimp. This poor guy is always stationed fighting the Imperial Japanese Army on some far-flung island, usually in the wrong ocean. Nevertheless, he has boundless adventures. His thoughts run thus: "I could see his big brown eyes looking almost directly at me. He didn't look like an enemy, but ..." Same stuff. Now from this description the enemy looks like Shep, the sheep dog. Someone ought to tell the poor creature the war is over.

One of the most popular writers of today is the science fiction writer. This is the person who writes from personal inexperience. Futuristic writing is an art, much to the disconcert of some people in many literary fields. The wildest imagination is not out of place in the science fiction field. Such things as, "From the depths of the Martian sewage system slithered ..." Exciting, isn't it? The follow-up to the three dots may be "... Jan's beautiful girl-friend." This shows that one must watch what one is writing, or one's work will not get published.

The men I envy the most are the Edgar Allan Poe's of this world. Their touch for creating bizarre effects is sensational. They are also enough to turn your stomach at times. This type of story leaves you with a "what, why, or huh?" The hero of these stories is the least likely person, such as Marv, the crazy canary, who usually winds up being eaten by a giant worm, or something similar.

The creative writer, like all true artists, rarely makes much money. It wasn't originally planned this way, but it does explain why there is a doctor or a dentist on every other block and nary a writer.

SLITHERING SLOTS

A soldier, when asked what he wanted to be in the army, replied, "OUT!"

Four kindergarten students were expelled for accepting "crayola."

Upon the completion of a tricky operation, a surgeon was asked about his methods. "Oh, I take a little here, and a little there," he replied.

A famous balloonist once inquired, "What's up?"

A politician running for office was asked his views on an issue. When the reporters left he was still talking.



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By Ken Siple

There is an old saying that states: "Behind every great man there is a woman." The male readers of this column will readily realize how important the female of the species is to our way of life, even though we might not admit it to ourselves at all times.

We don't hear much about the girls gym department. They seldom compete in interscholastic contests or other activities that would put them in the *Pilot*. However, that does not make them any less important.

Possibly the best known organization connected with the girls gym department is the Beacons. They are directed by Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, and are trained to assist during their gym periods and free periods. They plan several outings during the year. This year they intend to go



upstate New York over the Lincoln's Birthday weekend. Every June, the girls go to Baird Park for a day's outing. In May, the Beacons will meet with the Honor Health Education Clubs from four other high schools for a play day. The president of the Beacons is Elaine Ekland, the vice president is Linda Christiansen, and the secretary is Sonja Olsen.

Miss Markell directs the basketball club. There are eighty members who are working for their referee certificates. This is the first step towards becoming a Beacon. Miss Piccolomini guides the eighty members of the volleyball club who are also working for referee certificates. At the end of the course, they take a practical and a written test. A volleyball referee certificate is also a requirement for those wishing to become members of the Beacons.

Those girls who performed at the G.O. assemblies and who will perform at the Musicales come from the

Modern Dance Open To Girls

On Wednesday afternoons in the Girls Gymnasium, 85 girls in black leotards practice with determination and enjoyment. These girls are members of the Modern Dance Club.

Miss Esther Braverman, Faculty Adviser of the club, listed the objectives of the dance as the development of coordination, general flexibility, balance, range of movement, strength, poise, and perhaps most important, enjoyment.

Miss Braverman added, "Modern Dance is a creative art form, and it can never be confined by set rules. One uses the body as an instrument of expression, a means of communication. Students can find real enjoyment in dance."

If the members of the club demonstrate ability, interest, and industry they may become eligible for the Modern Dance Class. This class is conducted by Miss Margaret Monsen and is elected in place of regular health education.

Beacons Plan February Trip

The Beacons, Fort Hamilton's honorary health education society, is looking forward to its two main events of the year.

The first, a weekend outing, will take place in February. The second is the Beacon-Faculty Basketball Game. There is still room for several players on the faculty team. Any women members of the faculty who are interested in joining the fun may contact Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, faculty adviser of the Beacons.

Modern Dance Club. The club has 85 members who can try out for the Modern Dance Class. This class is composed of the top members of the club. The girls in the club are coached by Miss Braverman.

The Red Cross club is run in connection with the girls gym department. Their next large project will be to knit squares for afghans for veterans' hospitals. The club sponsor is Miss Mattson.

We would like to apologize to Mr. Joseph Kottman for a misstatement in the last issue of the *Pilot*. Mr. Kottman is the Track coach, not the Soccer coach.

Team Bowls To Achieve 8-2 Record

The Bowling Team, coached by Mr. Harry Flaster, has completed a fine season and has come through with an 8-2 record.

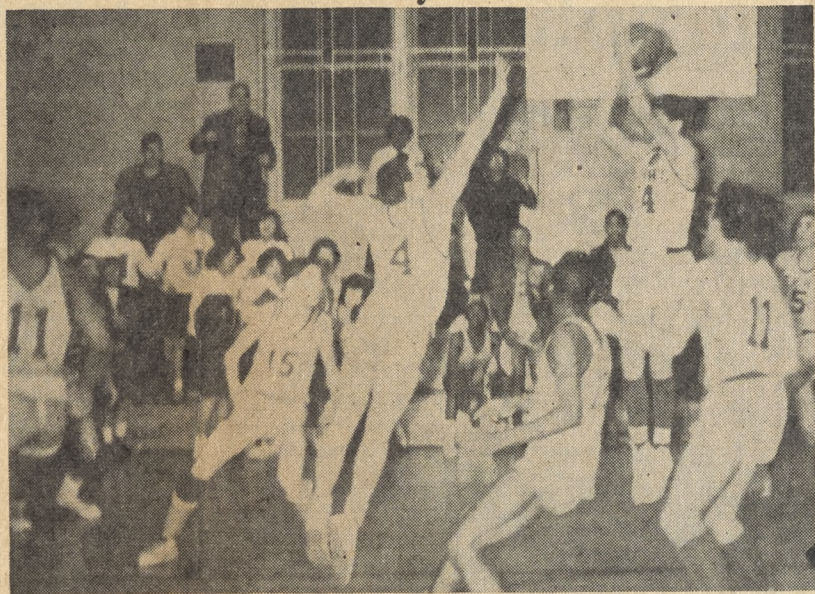
The keggers finished in a tie for first place within the division but lost the playoff to New Utrecht 2 to 1. This year's team consists of Captain Thomas Bianco, Richard Aurelio, Robert Buhl, Ray Fontaine, Richard Lipari, Frank Palermo, John Raffaelli and Guy Testaverde.

The individual high game of the season for Fort Hamilton was a 224 bowled by Frank Palermo, and high for the team was an 808 game. Thomas Bianco maintained an excellent 185 average in 30 games.

Mr. Flaster stated, "This year's group was one of the highest scoring teams in Fort Hamilton history, and the boys distinguished themselves by their display of good sportsmanship and gentlemanly ways throughout the season."

The late Humphrey Bogart, big bad man in the movies, was once a fine track star.

John Jay: 54-52



Ron Willis (No. 4) goes up for a jump shot in the Fort Hamilton-John Jay game. John Jay's Pedello (also No. 4) tries to block it. Bob Barnek (11) stands in the foreground.

Photo by Larry Zolotor

12 Veterans Return To Baseball Team

By Richard Meltzer

When Mr. Francis Ptak took over the coaching assignment of the Blue and White baseball team, he started a policy of adding depth to his squads. This year, with twelve returning veterans, Mr. Ptak is looking optimistically toward the forthcoming season.

The saying, "quality, not quantity" definitely applies to the veteran pitching staff. They number only three, but they are exceptionally talented and experienced. The three moundsmen are Bob Lento, who dazzled the opposition with his great variety of pitches and ended last season with a 5-0 record, including a no-hitter; Dennis Murphy, returning for his third year on the team, sporting a blazing fast ball, a curve, and a newly developed knuckleball; and Frank DeLuca, who combines a fast ball and a curve ball with pinpoint control.

Three Veteran Infielders

Three of the four returning infielders are joining the team for their third season. Returning from last year's starting team are Vincent Schettini and the captain of the 1960 squad, Mike Castagnola. Vinny is a fancy fielding shortstop, who can come up with a clutch hit. Mike is a

heavy hitter, who played in some twenty games, committing only one misplay at third base. The other returning veteran, coming back for his third season, is Richard Meltzer, described by Mr. Ptak as being a sure fielder at second base, with good hitting potential. The remaining position is filled by Carl Benken, another sure fielder who joined the squad last year at midseason.

Three Veteran Outfielders

The outfield has three returning members from last year's team. Included are Dom Albano, a lightning fast runner, with a good arm and keen ability as a leadoff hitter; Nick Mitsos, another fast runner, with good long ball hitting ability and an exceptional throwing arm; and Ted Hamway, a sure fielder, who also has fine hitting potential. One of these boys will fill the left field position vacated by Bill Dinu, who is now Los

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Alumni Game Draws Large Crowd In Gym

By Stephen Kaufman

On Wednesday night, December 23, Fort Hamilton met St. Michael's in their annual alumni game in our gymnasium. In the midst of Hamilton's most successful basketball season, the school paused for one evening to recall the great stars of the past.

The Blue and White veterans fell victim to a stronger St. Michael's five, losing 65-59.

Long after this score is forgotten, Hamilton's students will remember this day which saw such stars as Bill Unis, Bob Witton, Joe Coiro and Gerald Gavin once again put a basketball through the Hamilton nets.

Gavin and Coiro combined for eleven points in the initial period to give Hamilton a momentary tie at 18 all. After an unproductive second quarter for both teams, St. Michael's broke away early in the third period to lead by seven. Hamilton's rapid scoring in the final period was wasted as their rivals came on to match them with a twenty-point quarter.

Gavin Leads Hamilton's Scoring

Richard Gavin, the fine pivot man of last year's team, led Hamilton's scoring with 13. Bill Unis and Bob

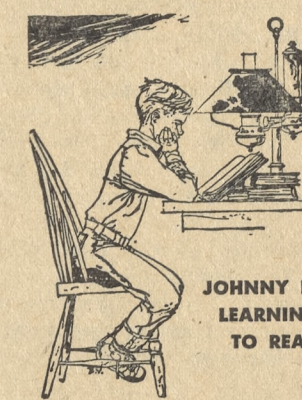
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'Pilot' Photographer Preparing his Career

By Marilyn Ryan

Hold it! Shoot! Got it! Victor Gerckens, along with his trusty camera, is always on the spot to take pictures when they are needed. Vic, a senior at Fort Hamilton, is one of the *Pilot's* top photographers.

How did this interest come about? Vic first became interested in photography last year, when a *Pilot* photographer began to prepare him for the job he now holds.

Hopes to Study Photography

Vic's interest in photography has increased, and he would now like to go in for professional photography at the School of Photography, where he would be able to study all branches of the field, especially portrait photography.

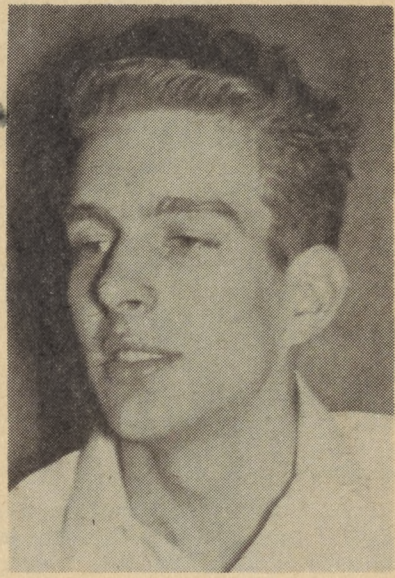
Vic is a member of the Cross Country and the Track team. Since he bought his first thirty-five millimeter camera last summer, Vic has brought it to almost all the track meets.

Vic has his own darkroom where he develops his pictures. He also keeps a private portfolio of his prints and is now starting on color pictures and slides.

Sent to Rockefeller Center

Vic has taken pictures outside the *Pilot*. N.B.C. studios once sent him to Rockefeller Center to take shots of

the people and the scenery. He has also taken pictures at the World's Fair Show, the Home Furnishing



Show and the Boat Show.

Vic's main interests are mechanical drawing art, and painting.

Has Studied Major Art

Vic took major art for two years and he claims that through this art course he learned composition and perspective, "... which are very vital to picture taking."

When asked what he thought of the field of photography, he replied, "It is exciting and challenging."

Senior Attends Art Classes

A winner? Sure! in the field of art. Kaare Rafoss, of senior class 4A9, has in mind a career in commercial art, and to help his interest along, he has been granted a scholarship to Saturday art classes at Pratt Institute.

Kaare received this aid to his career by a personal interview with a member of the faculty at Pratt. Approximately thirty students were chosen from various schools in New York City, according to their talent.

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Further information about the school may be obtained right from your grade or college adviser or by writing directly to the school.

Cynthia Winika

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her career, Cynthia often visits art museums, especially enjoying the work of Pablo Picasso.

Cynthia has traveled to such places as Canada, Florida, and Georgia.

Phyllis Johnson

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reading or watching dancing or sports, she lends an ear to classical or operatic music. For relaxation, she enjoys listening to the scores of Gilbert and Sullivan or Rodgers and Hammerstein.

As far as a career goes, Phyllis is planning for college and, later, a teaching profession. Her main ambition in life is to become a dedicated and evocative teacher, a capable and imaginative homemaker (and a cook of exciting, but wholesome food), a courageous, outspoken American, and a warm and loving woman.

Spanish Club Works Busily

The Pan American Club, under the supervision of Mr. Allen Felder, meets every Wednesday afternoon in Room 205, from 3 P.M. until 4 P.M.

Said Mr. Felder, "The purpose and ideal of our club is to enable its members to have a better understanding of our good neighbors to the South, and in Spain, and to communicate with them in their language."

Club members also work on their annual magazine, *El Sereno*, which is Spanish for "weather man" and for "night watchman."

For education and for entertainment, the club acquires pen-pals from all over the world and especially from Spain.

Baseball Outlook

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Angeles Dodger property.

The backbone of a good team, the catching staff, is composed of two experienced backstops. Peter Ianone and Dave Reinertsen are both returning for their second year on the squad. They shared the catching duties last year when Art Jones, now attending college on a baseball scholarship, was not available.

Searching for Potential Members

The team opens indoor practice February 1. Mr. Ptak hopes to continue bringing lower classmen up through the ranks. He is looking for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors with potential. Seniors who hope to make the team should be good enough to break into the starting lineup.

"All boys interested in playing baseball should come out when I call for tryouts," Mr. Ptak smiled, "because I still have about ten unfilled uniforms."

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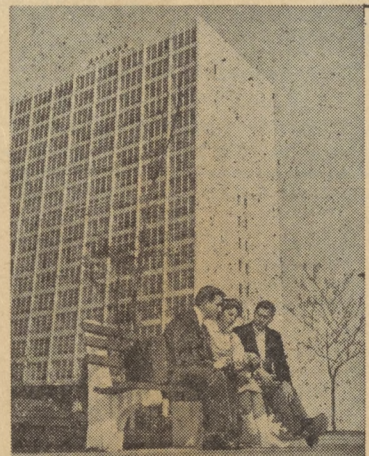


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Curtaintimers Plan Spring Play

Miss Joan Conway, who is adviser of the Curtaintimers and is in charge of managing the annual spring play, is now considering, along with members of the club, several possibilities for a spring show.

This closely knit group assembles on alternate Wednesday afternoons and presents monologues, skits, and other entertaining programs. This gives them a chance to become accustomed to performing in front of a public group, thereby lessening stage-fright when a large production is presented.

Parties and other social gatherings are also arranged during the year by this very active and enthusiastic group of students.

Students Ready For U.N. Contest

Fort Hamilton High School has been asked to participate in the 34th Annual U.N. High School Contest, sponsored by the American Association for the U.N.

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